

CHRISTMAS AND THE DARKEST DAY

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*EVERY day the sun grows colder,
Riding lower through its arc.
Will it, as the year grows older,
Leave us always in the dark?*

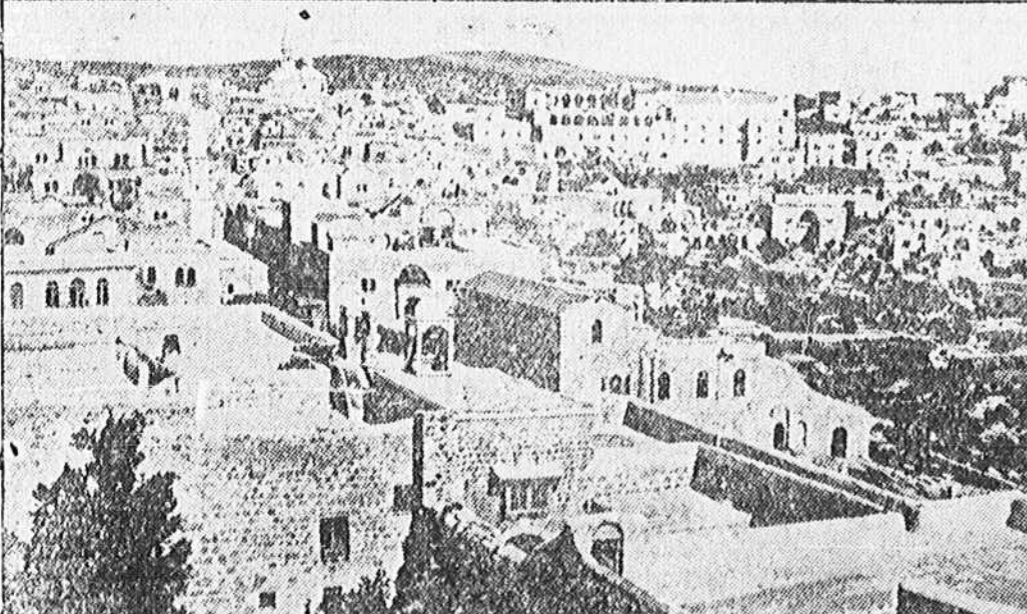
*But we know that science teaches
'Twill begin its upward climb
When its lowest point it reaches,
At the solstice—Christmas time.*

*Earth to all her utmost regions
Shuddered 'neath the march of Rome,
Whose triumphant, pagan legions
Dragged their loot and captives home.*

*Must her rule go on, unceasing?
Would her armaments be hurled,
With an insolence increasing,
'Gainst a servile, helpless world?*

*Were Rome's gods alone undying?
And must other nations crook
To her Caesar, deifying
Him with suppliant sword and look?*

*When it seemed her ruthless power
Nothing on the earth could stem,
In that saddest, darkest hour
Christ was born at Bethlehem.*



Something New Mules and Horses At Cheaper Prices

After Thirty-seven Years of Business in Live Stock, I, J. F. Hicks, am forced to the opinion that it is better for the buyer and the seller to come together on a cash basis, and we have decided from now on to sell stock at our stable for strictly cash. As we have had such an abundant crop and prices being extra good, there is a volume of money in our country, and we want to show to the people that this hard-earned money should bring to the owner its full value. Therefore, we notify our friends and patrons all over this and adjoining counties, to come and inspect our stock and prices and if, after said inspection and a thorough understanding of prices, you are convinced that we are sincere in trying to become Public Benefactors, then we ask your patronage and will help to carry out this plan which we think will mutually benefit the buyer and the seller.

It has been customary with our Merchants in town to have their Fall and Spring Openings, so we have decided to have a

Stock Opening Salesday in Jan. 1914

and again invite all persons interested to come to our stable on that day, at which time we expect to have a fine, fresh carload of horses and mules to sell in accordance with the above mentioned terms.

Having been reared in a Stock Country and had the experience that we have in the Live Stock Business, we feel that we are prepared to make the best selection at Lowest Prices. During this season we think we will be able to sell our customers mules for which they have been paying \$300 for \$265 to \$270, and the mules that have been selling for \$250 you will get for \$212.50, thus making a saving of your hard-earned money which you can use in ways that would be more pleasant to the family.

Now come, let us reason together. Admit that you have not enough money on hand to buy all you want. Would it not pay you to go to the Banks, pay them eight per cent and get your money, thereby, saving from \$30.00 to \$40.00 on the price of your mule or horse by paying cash for same.

J. F. HICKS & SON

Laurens, S. C.